

Barons Willoughby of Parham

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Baron Willoughby of Parham was a title in the Peerage of England created for William Willoughby Baron Willoughby of Parham who was raised to the peerage under letters patent in 1547, with the remainder to his heirs male of body [1]. The creation of the barony gave right to an hereditary peerage and seat in the House of Lords, the upper house of Parliament.

The barony was created on 20 February 1547 for Sir William Willoughby, a descendant of William Willoughby, 5th Baron Willoughby de Eresby living 1370 to 1409. [2]

The family of Willoughby, by a pedigree drawn up in the time of Elizabeth I, appears to be descended from Sir John De Willoughby, a Norman knight, who had the lordship of Willoughby, in Lincolnshire, by gift of the William the Conqueror between 1066 and 1087^[3].

The Barony is considered extinct as having no male heir on the death of the 17th Baron, George Willoughby born c.1748 died 29.10.1779.^[4]
There may still exist a male heir from Henry or Richard Willoughby.^{[5][6]}



Arms of 15th Baron Willoughby



Parham Old Hall

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Parham, Suffolk

Theobald, son of Robert Lord Valoins, founder of Hickling Priory, in Norfolk, in 1185, endowed it with the churches of Parham and Hasketon. He was owner of the lordship of Parham, and a descendant of Peter de Valoins, a Baron, in the Conqueror's time. Cecily, the daughter of Robert de Valoins married Sir Robert de Ufford, Steward of the Household to King Edward II, and inherited this estate in right of such marriage. It continued in the house of Ufford until the decease of Wm. de Ufford, Earl of Suffolk when it descended to Cicely, his eldest sister, who married John, 3rd Lord Willoughby de Eresby. Robert their son, 4th Baron Willoughby de Eresby succeeded to this estate, as nephew and co-heir of the said William de Ufford, Earl of Suffolk. This Earl built Parham church, and bequeathed his body to be buried at Campsey Abbey, under the arch of St. Nicholas Chapel, behind the tomb of his father and mother.

Christopher, 10th Baron Willoughby de Eresby, married Margaret, daughter of Sir William Jenney, of Knottishall Knt, and gave the estate to his second son, Sir Christopher Willoughby who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir George Talbois and it was their son William Willoughby who was created 1st Baron Willoughby of Parham and was Lieutenant of Calais. He married Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of Sir Thomas Heneage. Their son was Charles, Lord Willoughby, who married Margaret daughter of Edward, Earl of Lincoln. Their male descendants continued to be titled Baron Willoughby of Parham until 1779.

Between 1680 and 1690, Parham Hall formerly the property and residence of the Lords Willoughby was purchased by the family of Corrance of Rendlesham. [7]

Line of Succession and Family

The following illustrates where the title may have reverted to on the death of the 17th Baron Willoughby of Parham.

1. Sir Christopher Willoughby, married Elizabeth daughter of Sir George Talboys. [8]
 1. Sir William Willoughby, 1st Baron Willoughby of Parham died 1570. He married 1/ c.1535 Elizabeth Heneage, daughter of Sir Thomas Heneage of Hainton and Catherine Skipwith. 2/ 20 August 1559 Margaret Garneys, widow of Walter Devereux, 1st Viscount Hereford, and the daughter of Robert Garneys and Anne Bacon [9]. William Willoughby was raised to the peerage under letters patent 16th

February 1547, with the remainder to his heirs male of body and became first Baron Willoughby of Parham.

1. Charles Willoughby, 2nd Baron Willoughby of Parham was the only son of William Willoughby, 1st Baron Willoughby of Parham and Elizabeth Talboys, Charles Willoughby succeeded to the title 30 July 1570 on his fathers death. Charles Willoughby married Lady Margaret Clinton, third daughter of Edward, Earl of Lincoln. Charles Willoughby outlived his son William and on his death in 1603 the title passed to his grandson, William son of his eldest son of the same name. The younger William, son of William became 3rd Lord Willoughby of Parham
 1. William Willoughby, eldest son of 2nd Baron Willoughby of Parham predeceased his father and the title passed to the grandson, he married Elizabeth daughter of Sir Christopher Hilyard of Winstead.
 1. William Willoughby, 3rd Lord Willoughby of Parham 4 February 1602/03 he married Frances Manners, daughter of John Manners, 4th Earl of Rutland and Elizabeth Charlton.
 1. Henry Willoughby, 4th Lord Willoughby of Parham died in infancy.
 2. Francis Willoughby, 5th Lord Willoughby of Parham died 1666, married Elizabeth daughter of Edward Cecil, Viscount Wimbledon.
 1. Diane, married 21 May 1673 Heneage Finch, 3rd Earl of Winchilsea died Sep 1689.
 2. Frances Willoughby interred 12 Sep 1680, married William Brereton, , 3rd Lord of Laghlin (4 May 1631 to 17 Mar 1679)
 3. Elizabeth born 01 Aug 1695, married 28 Oct 1662 Richard Jones, 3rd Viscount Ranelagh, Earl of Ranelagh (8 Aug 1640 to 1711)
 3. William Willoughby, 6th Lord Willoughby of Parham born c.1616 died 10 Apr 1673, married Anne daughter of Sir Philip Carey of Stanwell or Hunslet(10 Jun 1615 to 12 Jan 1671) William Willoughby, 6th Lord Willoughby of Parham was Governor of the Caribee Islands.
 1. George Willoughby, 7th Lord Willoughby of Parham died 1674 married Elizabeth daughter of Henry Fiennes of Kirkstead.
 1. John Willoughby, 8th Lord Willoughby of Parham died unmarried 1678.
 2. Anne Willoughby died young.
 3. Elizabeth Willoughby died 26 Sep 1716 married James Bertie of Stanwell (13 mar 1673 died 18 Oct 1735)
 2. John Willoughby, 9th Lord Willoughby of Parham died without male heir 1678, married Anne Bolterton
 3. Charles Willoughby, 10th Lord Willoughby of Parham died without male heir 9 Dec 1679 married Mary daughter of Sir Beaumont Dixie, Bart of Bosworth.
 4. Frances Willoughby born 12 Nov 1642 died 25 May 1714 married 1/ married Sir John Harpur of Swarkeston (Interred 20 Feb 1678) 2/ married on 25 Aug 1679 Charles Henry Kirkhoven, Lord Wotton of Wotton, Earl of Bellamont (born c.1636 died without male heir 5 Jan 1682) 3/ Married 3 Jul 1684 Henry Heveningham of Heveningham (died 21 Nov 1700)
 5. Anne married Sir John Harpur Bart of Calke (died 1681)
 6. Catherine married Charles Cockervne, 3rd viscount Cullen (born 15 Nov 1658 died 30 Dec 1688)
 7. William Willoughby Jul 1668
 8. Henry Willoughby Governor of Antigua
 4. Frances married 10 Nov 1634 Sir Bulstrode Whitlock of Chilton (born 6 Aug 1605 died 28 Jul 1673)
 5. Elizabeth Willoughby died unmarried
 2. Elizabeth interred 18 Nov 1622 married Sir William Hickman of Gainsborough, interred 25 Sep 1625
 3. Catherine married 15 Jun 1603 Joseph Godfrey of Thorock
 4. Mary Willoughby married 1/ 5 Mar 1601 Sir William Booth of Killingholme 2/ 16 Apr 1624 Thomas Fox of Matherby
 2. Sir Ambrose Willoughby of Matson, married Susan, daughter of Richard Brookes Esq. of Matson, Gloucester, their only son was
 1. Edward Willoughby who married Rebecca daughter of Henry Draper Esq. their sons were
 1. Henry Willoughby, rightful heir on the death of Charles the tenth Lord Willoughby, who had emigrated to Virginia. His existence was unknown and the title passed instead to the line of his younger brother Thomas Willoughby. The right to claim to the Honorary title still exists if there is an unbroken line of male heirs from Henry or Richard Willoughby, although a seat can no longer be taken in the House of Lords.
 1. Henry Willoughby married Elizabeth daughter of William Pigeon of Stepney.
 1. Henry Willoughby, 16th Baron Willoughby of Parham died 29 Jan 1775,

- married Susannah daughter of Robert Gresswell of Middlesex.
2. Elizabeth Willoughby married 1/ John Halsey of Tower Hill 2/ Edward Angles.
 3. William Willoughby, married - Knochton.
 4. William Willoughby.
 2. Fortune Willoughby died 1720, married Hannah daughter of Thomas Barrow.
 3. George Willoughby, 17th Lord Willoughby of Parham, died 29 Oct 1779.
 4. Edward Willoughby, died without male issue
 5. Joseph Willoughby, died without male issue
 2. Richard Willoughby, younger brother - issue?
 3. Edward Willoughby married Elizabeth daughter of Francis Mandy of Elsham.
 1. Edward Willoughby (died young)
 4. Charles Willoughby, died without male issue
 5. Thomas Willoughby, married daughter of John Thornhaugh (Thornley) of Fenton, his son became
 1. Thomas Willoughby, 11th Lord Willoughby of Parham made his claim to the title after the death of Charles Willoughby, 10th Baron on the assumption there was no other valid claimants from his elder brothers line. His claim met no opposition and he was summoned to parliament by writ directed to Thomas Willoughby de Parham Chir. He died in 1692. He married Eleanor, daughter of Hugh Whittle of Horwich.
 1. Hugh Willoughby, 12th Lord Willoughby of Parham his first wife was Anne daughter of Lawrence Halliwell of Tockholes. His second wife was Honora daughter of Sir Thomas Leigh who he married in 1692. He died without surviving male heir August 1712.
 1. Thomas Willoughby, died young.
 2. Francis Willoughby married Eleanor daughter of Thomas Rothwell of Haigh
 1. Thomas Willoughby died unmarried 1703
 2. Edward Willoughby, 13th Lord Willoughby of Parham died 1713
 3. Charles Willoughby, 14th Lord Willoughby of Parham born 25th Dec 1681 died 12 Jul 1715, he married Hester daughter of Henry Davenport of Darcy Lever. On the death of her husband Hester remarried to James Walton of Wigan in 1716
 1. Hugh Willoughby, 15th Lord Willoughby of Parham Elected President of Royal Society in 1752 and President of Society of Antiquaries in 1754. Died unmarried 21 Jan 1765.[\[10\]](#)
 2. Helena married Baxter Roscoe of Anglezarke and were titled The Honorable as daughter of the baron. co-heiress with Hon. Elizabeth Shaw.
 3. Elizabeth, married John Shaw of Anglezarke and were titled The Honorable as daughter of the baron. co-heiress with Hon. Helena Roscoe. The Shaws had long ancestral connections to Rivington and Anglezarke where the family owned 1/8th of the Manor. Elizabeth Shaws

Barons Willoughby of Parham (1547)

1. William Willoughby, 1st Baron Willoughby of Parham (c. 1515 – August 1570)[\[11\]](#)[\[12\]](#)
2. Charles Willoughby, 2nd Baron Willoughby of Parham (1537 – 1603)[\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)
3. William Willoughby, 3rd Baron Willoughby of Parham (1584 – 28 August 1617) [\[15\]](#)[\[16\]](#)
4. Henry Willoughby, 4th Baron Willoughby of Parham (c. 1612 – c. 1618)
5. Francis Willoughby, 5th Baron Willoughby of Parham (1614 – 23 July 1666)
6. William Willoughby, 6th Baron Willoughby of Parham (c. 1616 – 10 April 1673)
7. George Willoughby, 7th Baron Willoughby of Parham (10 March 1638 – 1674)
8. John Willoughby, 8th Baron Willoughby of Parham (16 July 1669 – 1678)
9. John Willoughby, 9th Baron Willoughby of Parham (29 December 1643 – September 1678)
10. Charles Willoughby, 10th Baron Willoughby of Parham (6 October 1650 – 9 December 1679)[\[17\]](#)[\[18\]](#)
11. Thomas Willoughby, 11th Baron Willoughby of Parham (Died age 89 20th February 1691) [\[19\]](#)[\[20\]](#)
12. Hugh Willoughby, 12th Baron Willoughby of Parham (Died age 75 1712)[\[21\]](#)[\[22\]](#)
13. Edward Willoughby, 13th Baron Willoughby of Parham (12 April 1676 – died age 37 13 April 1713)[\[23\]](#)[\[24\]](#)
14. Charles Willoughby, 14th Baron Willoughby of Parham (25 December 1681 – died age 34 12 June 1715) [\[25\]](#)[\[26\]](#)
15. Hugh Willoughby, 15th Baron Willoughby of Parham (died age 51 17 Jan 1765)[\[27\]](#)[\[28\]](#)
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